**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**
**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0044**

ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND AND ALLOCATING SENATE BILL 113, PROPOSITION 4 FUNDS FOR DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

WHEREAS:

1. Senate Bill (SB) 200 (Stats. 2019, Ch. 120) established the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (SADW Fund), in which money is appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) to fund projects to help public water systems, state small water systems, and domestic wells provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

2. Expenditures from the SADW Fund on and after July 1, 2026, must be consistent with the Fund Expenditure Plan (FEP) (Health & Saf. Code, § 116766, subd. (d)).

3. The FEP supports the Human Right to Water and is consistent with Board Resolution No. 2016-0010, by prioritizing financial assistance to help water systems serving disadvantaged communities provide safe drinking water.

4. The FEP supports Board Resolution No. 2017-0012, which was adopted on March 7, 2017 to establish a comprehensive and robust response to climate change. Projects funded consistent with the FEP will facilitate reductions of greenhouse gas emissions or improve climate change adaptation and resiliency of disadvantaged communities or low-income households or communities.

5. The Board is required to consult with an advisory group to aid in meeting the purposes of the FEP (Health & Saf. Code, § 116768.5, subd (a)(1).

6. Board Resolution No. 2019-0060 established the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group.

7. The draft FEP was discussed with the SAFER Advisory Group and stakeholders at meetings held on May 28 and October 22, 2026.

8. The draft FEP was released for public comment on September 29, 2026. Revisions to the draft FEP were made to address comments made by the Advisory Group members and in response to written comments received.

9. SB 113 (Stats. 2026) appropriated $263,063,000 from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund (Proposition 4) for grants and loans that improve water quality or help provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water.

10. Proposition 4 funding allocations in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (DWSRF IUP) and in the FY 2026-27 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (CWSRF IUP) were based upon an estimated Proposition 4 appropriation of $157,563,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts the FY 2026-27 FEP.

2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to update and amend the Appendices to the FEP, as necessary for administrative or procedural changes not in conflict with the FEP or the Policy for Developing the FEP for the SADW Fund.

3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or his or her designee, to approve or deny funding without limitation on funding amount per project or program, for uses consistent with the FEP; and to execute grant agreements and contracts and amendments thereto to disburse funds for such uses; and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to facilitate the implementation of such agreements.

4. Allocates $178,781,500 of the SB 113, 2026 appropriation to drinking water projects to be administered consistent with the DWSRF IUP and $78,781,500 to wastewater projects to be administered consistent with the CWSRF IUP.

5. Directs staff to convene technical assistance (TA) providers and representatives of affected water systems and communities in the first six months of 2027 for a symposium or symposia to take a deep dive on challenges, successes, and opportunities for improvement to (i) the TA process, (ii) innovative technologies, and (iii) budgeting, with the goal of informing future actions and potential modifications to future FEPs.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on November 17, 2026.

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| AYE: | Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel<br>Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo<br>Board Member Sean Maguire<br>Board Member Nichole Morgan<br>Board Member Jared Blumenfeld |
| NAY: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board